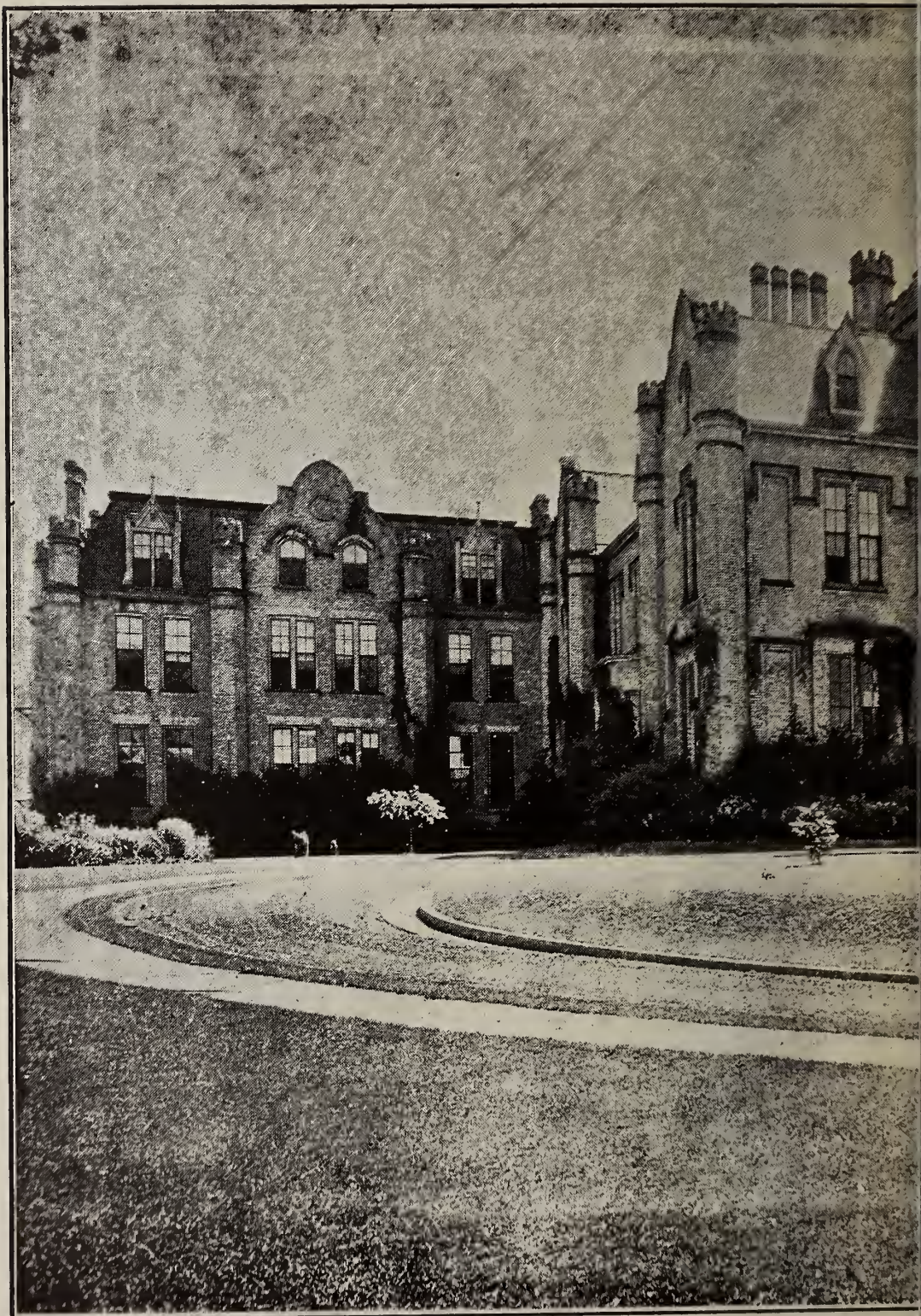


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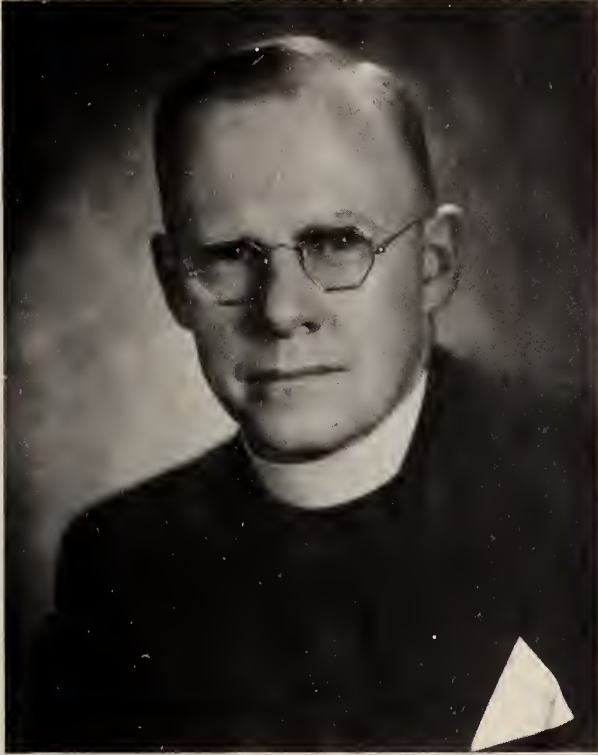
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Foreword



"WANTED - WITNESSES!" This is the placard which the Spirit of Truth lifts before you who stand poised at the disembarkation point, your initial training completed; and why shouldn't she issue public notice of her claim? Today sinister powers on every side are competing with one another in seeking to harness the enthusiastic and venturesome zeal of youth by masquerading their real intentions as they secretly go about their sly business of entrapping the unwary in their ten-

tacles. If ever anyone needed courageous champions to make a determined and a permanent stand, Truth needs them now.

You will be a fervent follower of some leader — perchance you may actually be the leader; but remember, the side you choose will determine the future of many who follow after you. Almost a century ago, Karl Marx wrote: "Religion is a fantastic realization of the human being." Many were stupid enough to believe he was right — and see what a maelstrom he and they have set in motion with their vision of man without God! To share communism's materialistic hope is to impale yourself on the horns of certain destruction: but "to side with truth is noble" even though its price be high.

It gives me singular pleasure to commend Vox Collegii of 1953 to you. It will serve as a picturesque account of a memorable year for you all, but particularly for the Seniors.

Yet I trust that above all things O. L. C. has enkindled in you the vision that

*"They must upward still and onward
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As the world "stands poised on the brink of a great catastrophe", may her refined personality usher in a second renaissance. In humility she requested our prayers at her coronation. In loyalty and reverence let us all answer:

God save our Gracious Queen.

—Rena McDowell



Sonnet

Contest Entry — First Prize

*A shiny pebble on a country road,
Dead leaves that in an eddy mill and sink,
Some clump of ferns wherein a child can see
A fairy fill a cup with dew and drink,
Slim swallows streaking swift in fresh May air,
Red berries nestling 'neath green tangled vines,
Dawn's quiet hours, the midday heat of sun,
Or evening's westward glows, its gold or wine,
These I have seen and loved, but how to write!
No words, no phrase, no sentence, nothing apt
To set these wonders 'fore the human eye
Have I yet found. Let it suffice I wake
To memory almost dormant dreams of youth,
Almost forsaken but of inestimable worth.*

—Betty Woolfrey, Grade 11.

Our Meeting

Contest Entry—Second Prize

*There is a man I chanced to
meet
Who, at that meeting, did not
smile;
He only stared;
Did not shake hands, or say
"Hello".
He wouldn't smile, he didn't
frown;
He only gaped.
And, often since, I've seen*

*that man,
And fought with him, and
laughed with him.
Does he recall?
The times we've had, both
good and bad,
Have often been such trials
to him,
But he pulled through —
Right Pop?*

.....Joanne Meyer, Grade 11.

Venezuela, Our Country

Contest Entry — Third Prize

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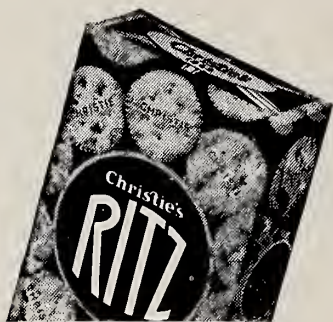
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News of Our Old Girls

- JOAN MUTCH married Martin McDowel on September 23, 1952 in Toronto.
- BETTE ANNE SHIELDS married Thomas Henderson Gibson on October 3, 1952 in Toronto.
- SYLVIA SKINNER married in Oshawa on Sept. 20, 1952.
- PERLA AUDAI married Ruben Fuentes on Oct. 15, 1952.
- HELEN DUNCAN married Robert Channen in Whitby, on July 19, 1952.
- LILIA (DE LA TORE) TAMARA had a son in December of '51 in Bogota, Colombia.
- ROSEMARY HOWEY married Charles E. Turner on September 19, 1952, in Aurora, Ont.
- MARY LOU MCKINNON is attending the Ontario College of Art in Toronto.
- JEAN PHELAN is engaged to Ken Vasal, and plans to marry this summer.
- BILLY POTTER and SHIRLEY CHAPPLE are both in training in Hamilton General Hospital, and like it very much.
- JOAN MOTHERSILL is working in Toronto now, but plans to enter nursing at Kingston General next fall.
- MARILYN MILLS is in nursing at Kingston General.
- BARBARA GRIERSON is attending Carleton College at Oshawa, and doing splendidly.
- JANE DOELLE married Dr. Arthur H. Malcolm on March 7, 1953 at Toronto.
- SHIRLEY CHALLENGER married Joseph Edgar Squire on January 1, 1953, at Toronto. They are now living in Halifax.
- MARGARITA (CARCAMO) BAUER had a son in the spring of '53.
- JOANNE (ALEXANDER) ROBLIN of Whitby had her second child, a daughter. Sarah Louise, on January 31, 1953.
- RUTH CORLETT has been elected president of a society at Queen's University for the coming year.
- LYNN MARK and BARBARA NORMAN are both engaged and plan fall weddings.
- RITA (YARNOLD) LOMAX of Oshawa had a baby girl in the fall of '52.
- FRANCES NICHOLS and SHERIDAN BOLE are both doing well at Western University.
- DIANNE LEE is a dental nurse in Oshawa.
- KATHARINE NORTHEY finds being in the radar division of the R.C.A.F. most interesting.
- THELMA TAYLOR is happily married and living in Mil-

Night

*The day has gone so quickly,
And now the night is near.
The sun's behind a mountain
And soon, stars will appear.
From o'er a distant hill top,
I hear the cattle call
Along the narrow winding path
That leads them to their stall.
The flowers in the meadow
Have bowed their heads in
rest,
And birds have ceased their
singing
And have gone home to their
nest.
The night has come to show us
The meaning of God's love,
And with coming of the night
Brings peace from him above.
Marilyn Reader, Grade 12.*

With Line and Bait

*With line and bait and happy
heart
Across the fields I make my
start,
A fish to catch. Such dear de-
light,
You hook, you look, then comes
the fight;
You didn't think a fish could
be so smart.
Him caught, again I make my
start;
A small-mouth bass, I see him
dart*

*First here, then there; I hold on
tight
With line and bait.
From him I'll make a fried fish
tart.
But, yet again, he is too smart.
For me one jerk, two pulls he
makes just right,
And left me half the worm for
spite.
Here's hoping he'll do better,
my son Bart,
With line and bait.
Vi Williams, Grade 12*

Unappreciated Beauty

Thousands of lights show up millions of buildings, neon signs, gaudy colours, and people. Does anyone notice far up in the heavens, the lone star and slighty clouded moon? The large "Dime and Dance" sign takes care of that. The people see the colours, the lights, and the heavens are forgotten. A horn blows, brakes screech and groan, a clock, somewhere high up, pounds eleven consecutive sounds and the contented pigeon perched way above lets out a contented coo, but it is unheard.

From the Hudson, a cool refreshing breeze travels from water to buildings; it blows little gusts down the street, picking up tiny black specks of soot from the chimneys. People curse it, bending head low and collar up.

The moon and star seem to resent the lack of affection and clouds are invited to take over. A fine rain begins falling, warm and damp, over the exquisite coiffures and finely made shoes. Taxis are more frequently seen; soon there are far less people and more screeching of brakes, blowing of horns. Jet black pavement becomes shiny and mischievous by reflecting bold reds, dazzling yellows, orange and green.

In the street people hurry this way and that. Outside a smoke-filled tavern, a brawl has started over someone's pettiness. A police siren stabs the air and a crowd gathers. As the men in navy blue appear, the crowd scatters, each person glad for a new topic to discuss with a friend.

The huge, old clock with several resounding bongs, reminds people again of the hour. The night gets darker; lights seems to take on a more extravagant hue; brakes groan and sirens screech in different sections of the city. It is long past the moon's bedtime; the star has wandered off to find some lovers who appreciate it and the pigeon is fast asleep. The wind gives a sigh while the rain keeps falling and the city goes on.

—Annette Mavor, Grade 11

A Prayer

*O Thou My God that is my
light,
Guide me through the coming
night.
O Thou the God of every man,
Let us know more of Thy plan.*

*O Thou the God of every soul,
Set for us a higher goal.
Be Thou with us, O Lord of
Light,
And guide us through the com-
ing night.
Alice Mount, Grade 12*

Zionism

Zionism is an idea, a Jewish idea. Maybe you will ask, "What does this word Zionism mean?" This word comes from the word "Zion" which is the name the Jewish people give to the Holy Land, the land promised to the Jewish people through Moses.

The Jewish have always been persecuted by other people. In the time of the Assyrian Empire Nebuchadnezzar took the Jews out of Jerusalem. They, in exile, remembered their dear and far away land, and they sang sad songs, when the Assyrian required them to sing, because they were captives in a land far away from the Holy Land. When Cyrus of Persia conquered the Assyrians, he liberated the Jews and let them go back to Jerusalem to rebuild the temple built by Solomon in God's honour. They had a peaceful era for some time, farming their land and living as they wished. Then in the year 70 A.D. came the Romans. They destroyed the second temple and took the holy chalice and chandeliers.

When Rome declined, the Jews thought they would be let live in peace, but just at that time Mohammed, the prophet, appeared in Arabia and spoke to the Arabs about Allah. When he saw they believed in him, he also spoke to them about the necessity of going to other countries to convert other people to Islam. In 632 A.D. the Arabs began to move to Asia Minor and North Africa. They reached Spain and began to move to France, but Charles, who was called "The Hammer", crushed them at Tours. When the Arabic movement began, the Jews moved to North Africa, into Spain and toward the Danubian lands. The Spanish wanted a Spanish country, and drove the Moors and Jews out of Spain. In feudal times, the nobles and kings borrowed money from the Jews who were hated more and more because they were the only ones who had money.

When Nazism came, the Jewish were cruelly treated; they were put into concentration camps where they died in millions from hunger or sickness. In that time of persecution, they began to think of having a nation of their own in which to live peacefully, cultivating the land. When they began to move into Palestine, they had to fight with the Arabs who lived there. At last the United Nations intervened to make peace and decided to give some parts to the Jews and other parts to the Arabs; Jerusalem was to be made an international city, but two years ago the Jewish government moved into it and made it the capital of Palestine. Palestine had been proclaimed an independent nation five years before with the name of Israel. Now the Jewish are cultivating the land and living peacefully. Many Jewish people all over the world contributed money to help the homeless Jews settle in Israel. Every day more and more Jews are coming to live there. The republic of Israel is becoming more prosperous. In a place where once was a desert, now oranges, grapes and other fruits are growing.

The Bible promised; "The desert then shall blossom as the rose," and it has done so as a result of Zionism.

—Sulamita Lechtig, Grade 11.

Political Trouble in Colombia

A storm was brewing. The detail of 25 soldiers was laboriously making its way up the seething Opon River. The heavy rainfalls of the past month had swollen the otherwise muddy, sluggish river into a fast moving stream, treacherous, because of its swift current and dangerous whirlpools. The small party of men had to take cover at the finca (ranch) of Senor Reyes, a prosperous cattle rancher. Senor Reyes was glad of the company of the soldiers because he was afraid of the "bandidos".

In 1948 the Conservative party came into power in Colombia because the Liberal party was split under two powerful leaders. In May, one Liberal leader was assassinated and a revolution began. A National Police Force was organized, made up of criminals who had escaped during the revolution. The force, all Conservatives, has been oppressing the people. Groups of "bandidos" were formed to strike at any official, or any official act. The majority of people in Colombia being peons, or the poor workers, the bandits were chiefly from this class.

During the summer of 1952, the bandidos were very active around Barrancavermeja. A division of soldiers from Bogota was sent to Barranca to quell the uprisings caused by the revengeful bandidos. The party of soldiers, mentioned before, were out investigating clues that might have led them to the "hiding place" and capture of the bandidos. Since the territory in question was mainly jungle, the bandidos had the advantage because there were many excellent places of concealment. Lately, the bandidos had been making short raids on some of the ranches. For this reason, Reyes was glad to have the soldiers at his finca.

Domingo Reyes was a genial host and after feeding the soldiers well, he strung hammocks and everyone went to bed; but their rest was destined to be disturbed, for a party of bandidos raided the Reyes' ranch. They burned the buildings and killed most of the cowboys. Domingo Reyes, and his family, and two soldiers escaped. The soldiers took a boat to Barranca, and next morning, four of their comrades fetched the bodies for burial.

Everyone in Barranca had to fly a Colombian flag, with a black band at half-mast from Friday, July 11, to Monday. The flags were not even taken down over night. Until the middle of August, there was a curfew from 6 p.m. to 5 a.m. Everyone was under martial law.

Until it matures, Colombia will always have political trouble; the people are too ready to fight rather than to talk. It is a shame; Colombia is a beautiful country with many resources. Emeralds, coffee and oil are the chief assets. Perhaps someday Colombia will be rich and peaceful.

—Jessie Trumper, Grade 11.

Suspense

What a chilly, moist cave Ruth and I had come across during our hike in the woods. Shivering with fear, and gripping each other's clammy hand, we cautiously peered around the entrance of the tunnel. Ahead was pitch blackness, leading into the depths of the earth. A sensation of horror was beginning to engulf me, but I held it back imitating my brave sister. Ruth switched on her flashlight, and I saved mine for later. Sargie, the dog,, timidly crept behind us whimpering, as he realized we were determined to investigate the forbidding den. It seemed as if we didn't dare say anything, as if some unknown power was compelling us to be silent. Groping our way forward, we discovered a sharp curve to the right, which forced us further downhill. Still we continued. By this time, Sargie was enjoying the tour; we were not.

Roundng ainother bend, we saw a room with a crude table, supporting a candle, in the centre. I felt Ruth's shiver as she saw the ghastly flicker peering through the mist. She turned off her flashlight, and we slowly continued. Suddenly the glow vanished and we were left in darkness. Before either of us could turn on our flashlights, a hideous laugh echoed through the tunnel. This noise apparently hadn't bothered Sargie, for when I looked at him to console him, his innocent face peered up at me, quite undisturbed.

We determined to solve the mystery. Ruth and the dog took the tunnel to the right, and I continued in the same one. Suddenly the same laugh pierced my ears, as before. How horrible and mysterious! Somehow, I felt like Nancy Drew, investigating one of her famous mysteries. I was however, too frightened to continue; so I called Ruth, twice rather timidly, then again, more bravely. Suddenly I was being violently shaken, and I opened my eyes. I saw Ruth standing over me, trying to wake me up. To my surprise, I was home, in my own room, just wakened from a suspense-filled nightmare!

—Frances Barrett, Grade 9

Triplet

*A wind came up out of the sea;
A sailor cried, "God pity me!"
A wave swept him into the sea.
A wind came up out of the sea
And swamped the deck; the*

*sails tore free.
The jagged rocks her doom
would be;
A wind came up out of the sea;
A sailor cried, "God pity me"
Joyce Brown, Grade 12*

early part of the nineteenth century.

North of the country we find the clear blue waters of the Caribbean Sea, and many picturesque little islands. To the south we find the jungles of the Amazon Valley, which up to now have not been touched by civilization.

The Orinoco River, one of the largest in South America, divides the country in almost two equal parts; one of its tributaries, the Carrao River, tumbles down about 3,500 feet to form the Angel Falls, the world's highest waterfall. Many beautiful tales were told by the Indians to the Spanish conquerors about these regions.

The country itself may be roughly divided into four sections, each possessing many and varied products: the Andean Highlands with its wheat; the Llanos are extensive grassy plains, famous since Colonial days for the raising of cattle and horses; the Lake Maracaibo region is famous for petroleum, Venezuela's main source of wealth, the coastal region with its fisheries, cocoa and coffee; and the Guayana Highlands, rich with iron, woods, precious stones, and metals.

Venezuela was the cradle of independence of five other South American republics because it was the birth place of Simon Bolivar, the Liberator. Venezuela got her independence at the battle of Carabobo in memory of the men and the battles they fought to set us free.

First among the five most important cities is Caracas, the capital, which is the centre of education, art and sports. Maracaibo is Venezuela's golden city and the most important oil exporting port. Cumana, in the east, is the main centre of fisheries, pearls and the oil refinery industry. Valencia, near beautiful Lake Valencia, has charming valleys which are visited and well remembered by the tourists.

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*Stocking, stocking old and black,
Hanging on my towel rack,
What hard-hearted soul was it
That made you part of our outfit?*

*Holes in heel, holes in toe,
To my mending bag I go.
Can I find the needed thread?
Or will I have to mend in red?*
Sue Duggan, Grade 10

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